

STUDENT TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (STEP):

The second method of selection for these positions will be done via the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). This is a program by which eligible students may be selected to work with the crew and can gain valuable experience and familiarization with the U.S. Forest Service Fire Organizations. The information below should help you to determine whether or not you are eligible for the program. You may also feel free to contact us with any specific questions regarding either of the application processes. We are currently accepting STEP applications and interested persons are encouraged to complete this process immediately as well.

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The Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) is the second process by which the Great Northern Fire Crew may conduct hiring.

- The Student Temporary Employment Program is an opportunity for students to support their education, gain work experience and acquire job skills. Students have the opportunity to learn about the Forest Service, establish agency contacts and demonstrate personal potential.
- For temporary fire positions, the minimum age is 18.
- To qualify for the program you must have student status. This includes students that are transferring or have been accepted for post-secondary education.
- Students must be taking at least a half-time course load, usually defined as a minimum of 6 semester hours.
- Students must be in good academic standing (cannot be on Academic Probation) as defined by the academic institution they are attending.
- High School Students and Vocational Program Students may also be eligible.
- Students are required to provide a copy of their transcripts or other proof of enrollment when applying for a position. In addition, selected students must provide a copy of their academic transcript and course registration each school term.

- The following materials should be provided when applying for the STEP Program:
 - Student Temporary Pre-Employment Form
 - High School or College Transcripts and proof of enrollment for following term
 - Resume or Optional Application for Federal Employment (OF-612)
 - Declaration for Federal Employment (Form OF-306)

With the exception of transcripts and proof of enrollment, all forms listed above are available under the "How Do I Apply" section of the Great Northern Web Site: www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire_r1/great-northern-crew/

DEADLINES:

The Great Northern will no longer accept Student Applications after **APRIL 5, 2010.**

We are currently accepting STEP applications however, and unlike the AVUE applications, we are able to view complete STEP applications as they arrive.

STEP applications must be sent directly to our location, and addressed as follows:

**Great Northern Student Application
Attn: Margarita Phillips
USFS-AFD
5765 W. Broadway
Missoula, MT 59808-9361**

Eligible students are encouraged to apply using both of the application procedures (AVUE/STEP). This provides you with much more flexibility in being able to accept an offer of employment. Again, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or need assistance in completing the application process.

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TIMEFRAMES:

Our **deadline for applications is set for April 5, 2010**. Our goal for completing selections may be made as late as mid-May. The **crew will begin Critical Training near the end of May, 2010**. The season will be **funded through September 30th**, but may last longer depending on the severity of the fire season. Of course, much may change regarding the specific dates listed, but in general, this is the plan. We will make every attempt to contact interested applicants with any changes. As selections are made, we will also make every attempt to contact all persons on our mailing list regarding the further availability of positions on the crew.

We wish you good fortune and success in the application and selection processes.

Great Northern Fire Training Program